

DEATH TOLL 25 IN DANCE HALL FIRE AND PANIC

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STOVE STARTS BLAZE

Jammed Stairway's Col-
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Instant Death.

Villa Platte, La., Nov. 23.—Crushed and mangled the bodies of twenty-five young men and women today have been recovered from the ruins of a dance hall in which fire and panic suddenly killed the orchestra late last night.

Villa Platte today is a town of mourning. Funerals are being arranged in every section. Corpses hang at doors on almost every street.

Search Still On.

In the center of the town the ruins of the dance hall still are smoldering. Police and firemen are still searching the ruins although it is believed all bodies have been recovered.

The list of dead includes nineteen women and five men, according to the official figures of Coroner Ardoin.

Officials are investigating to determine the cause of the fire which is believed to have resulted from a defective oil heater.

A panic resulted when the cry of fire rang through the dance hall. Dancers, spectators and chaperones rushed pell mell towards a narrow stairway. The stairway became jammed. Craned with fear men and women fought and trampled to escape. Many leaped from windows.

Stairway Falls.

Then the stairway collapsed. It was at the bottom that firemen found a mangled heap of humanity. Bodies of young girls were crumpled into a heap in their slithering gowns.

Within a half hour after the cry of fire echoed through the hall, ten persons were burned and fifteen crushed to death.

Firemen, police and volunteer rescuers, attracted by the noise and confusion of the fire, worked all night and until early this morning searching the ruins.

Maimed Captain Saves Ship.

St. Johns, N. F.—The British schooner Selene arrived here after battling a hurricane off Cape Race, with the captain issuing orders despite the fact that his leg was crushed. The vessel's deck load of lumber had been swept off and she was otherwise damaged. The captain's leg was amputated soon after the Selene reached port.

England Has Cement City.

Bristol, England.—Great interest centers in the new town being erected a mile from here. The cottages, of cement and steel construction, are of uniform type. Speed in construction is sought, together with comfort and safety, to solve Great Britain's pressing problem of housing.

Mysterious Illness Fatal.

Bikford, Mr. Thomas, chairman of Mr. and Mrs. Preston H. Pennell are dead as the result of an illness which has attacked every member of the family. It somewhat resembles cholera, but this cannot be determined until it actually is.

Earth in "Three-Day Cottages."

London.—Six-room cottages are being constructed of earth, packed under heavy pressure. A plant, moving into its own power, will be able to fill in the walls of such a building in three days, with a crew of four trained men on the job.

Mosquito Bite Fatal to Woman.

London.—The first fatal mosquito bite to be reported in England caused the death of Mrs. Annie May Taylor, 19 years old. She was bitten on the face while in a park. Swelling and general infection ensued, and Mrs. Taylor succumbed after a few days of suffering.

Kaiser's Picture Causes Trouble.

Berlin.—Protest meetings and counter-protest meetings have been held in several large schools since the minister of public worship ordered that portraits of the Kaiser must be removed from religious, educational institutions. At Cassel 500 girls assembled to express their indignation.

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Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children

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INTRODUCTION.

Most of these letters were written by Theodore Roosevelt to his children during a period of more than twenty years. A few others are included that he wrote to friends or relatives about the children. He began to write to them in their early childhood, and continued to do so regularly till they reached maturity. Long before they were able to read he sent them what they called "picture letters," with crude drawings of his own illustration of the written text.

Deep and abiding love of children, of family and home, that was the dominating passion of his life. The children always had an old-fashioned Christmas in the White House. In several letters, descriptions of these festivals will be found.

Through all his letters runs his inexhaustible vein of delicious humor. All the quaint sayings of Quentin, that quaintest of small boys; all the comic aspects of the guinea-pigs and others of the large menagerie of pets that the children were always collecting; all the tricks and feats of the saddle-horses—these, together with every item of household news that would amuse and cheer and keep alive the love of home in the heart of the absent boys, was set forth in letters which in gayety of spirit and charm of manner have few equals in literature and no superiors. No matter how great the pressure of public duties, or how severe the strain that the trials and burdens of office placed upon the nerves and spirits of the President of a great nation, this devoted father and whole-hearted companion found time to send every week a long letter of this delightful character to each of his absent children.

The strong, vigorous, exalted character of the writer stands revealed in the essays in all the other letters, as well as the cheerful soul of the man which remained throughout his life as pure and gentle as the soul of the child. Only a short time before he died, he said to me, as we were going over the letters and planning this volume, which is arranged as he wished it to be: "I would rather have written this book published than anything that has ever been written about me."—JOSEPH BUCKLIN BISHOP.

The Letters

In the Spanish War.

At the outbreak of the war with Spain in the spring of 1898 Theodore Roosevelt, who was then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, in association with Leonard Wood, organized the Regiment of Rough Riders and went into camp with them at Tampa, Fla. Later he went with his regiment to Cuba.

On May 6, 1898, Theodore Roosevelt's resignation as Assistant Secretary of the Navy was accepted and he became a Lieutenant Colonel, with the Regiment of Rough Riders in his autobiography, he mentions the heartiness he felt in parting with his youngsters. One toddler had the impression that his father was going hunting. "Daddy," he implored, as he clung to his father's knees, "bring us back a bear."

Blessed Bunnies: It has been a real holiday to have a mother here. Yesterday I brought her out to the camp, and she saw it all—the men drilling, the tents in long company streets, the horses being taken to water, my little horse Texas, the colonel and the majors, and finally the mountain lion and the little dog Cuba, who had several fights while she looked on. The mountain lion is not much more than a kitten as yet, but it is very cross and treacherous.

Miners and Operators Look to U. S. for a New Step in Parley

Continued from page one. nately than he did last week when he laid government data and averages of labor costs and living costs before the coal conference.

May Meet Today. Whether the coal conference will get down to business again today is problematical. The miners said yesterday that they were waiting for the operators to tell them when they were ready to go on with negotiations. The operators said they had asked Dr. Garfield to meet them again and advise them what to do.

Dr. Garfield said last night that he could not say whether he would meet the operators today or indeed, whether any conference would be held before Tuesday.

Another conference on the coal situation is expected to be held today by Dr. Garfield, Attorney General Palmer, Judges Ames, of the Federal Circuit, and Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads.

It is entirely possible that the negotiations will mark time until the whole situation is put up to the Cabinet at its meeting Tuesday. The operators pointed out yesterday that there is a wide difference between the positions taken by Dr. Garfield and by Secretary of Labor Wilson, and that the Cabinet will have to decide the lead which the government will follow.

While Dr. Garfield has not yet made a specific recommendation in definite percentage and figures, the operators claim that the data of the United States Fuel Administration, will not support the offer which Secretary Wilson said should be made to the miners, and which the miners promptly said they would accept.

Stampede for New Klondyke.

Paris, Nov. 23.—Another Klondyke has been discovered in Lapland, or Lapland, to the north of Finland. The reports brought back by placers are so sensational and important that the Norwegian government has sent an official expedition to the gold fields. Meanwhile a stampede is reported in progress.

Paris, Nov. 23.—A bombshell has been exploded in the ranks of the fashionable dressmakers by a beautiful and wealthy young woman who has spent a year incognito as a seamstress in the Rue de La Paix and who has just issued a manifesto over her own name, Baroness Lea Lemaire, appealing to the women of France and America to refuse to pay "extortionate prices" for gowns.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Isn't He a Jolly Looking Father?

blue, but our rough-riders are in brown. Our camp is on a great flat, on sandy soil without a tree, though round about are pines and palm-trees. It is very hot, indeed, but there are no mosquitoes. Marshall is very well, and he takes care of my things and of the two horses. A general was out to inspect us when we were drilling today.

Of Santiago, 1898. Camp Near Santiago, July 15, 1898.

Darling Ethel: We are near shore now and everything is in a bustle, for we may have to disembark tonight, and I do not know when I shall have another chance to write to my three blessed children, whose little notes please me so. This is only a line to tell you all how much father loves you. The Pawnee Indian drew you the picture of the little dog, who runs everywhere round the ship, and now and then howls a little when the band plays.

Near Santiago, May 20, 1898.

Darling Ethel: I loved your little letter. Here there are lots of funny little lizards that run about in the dusty roads very fast, and then stand still with their heads up. Beautiful red cardinal birds and tanagers flit about in the woods, and the flowers are lovely. But you never saw such dust. Sometimes I lie on the ground outside and sometimes in the tent. I have a mosquito net because there are so many mosquitoes.

Col. Roosevelt had been under fire. In a hot encounter, which he

later publicly described as a "bit of police duty," he had stood up, an example to his men, in the face of grave peril. Revolver in hand, he had rushed the Spanish trenches. Yet with death as near neighbor, he treats field hardships as a joke and has an appreciative eye for tiny birds and beasts that would charm the beloved kiddies at home.

On his return from the war, the youngest children hardly recognized their father. A visitor asked, "Is your father at home?" "I don't know," said a youthful Roosevelt, "but the colonel is taking a bath." Fresh from war honors, he was elected governor of New York. The

BOYS SEE MOVIE THRILLER, THEN GET BANDIT IDEAS

Confessions Said By Police Made By Four Youths They Held Up Storekeeper, Staged Other Spectacular Feats.

A series of store robberies and holdups which have kept the police busy for more than a month terminated last night, when detectives arrested four young negroes, who are alleged to have admitted the charges against them.

They were Ulysses Palmer, 18, of 11 Patterson street northeast; Henry Anderson, 18, of 14 Jackson street northwest; Leroy Braxton, 17, of 503 S street northwest, and Steward Colbert, 17, of 1114 Seventh street northwest.

At a Seventh street motion picture house, on the night of November 18, the quartet saw revealed the details of highway banditry. They saw the picture twice to get the idea impressed more firmly on their minds. The four negroes tramped the

streets until 6:30 o'clock the next morning. They then entered the grocery store of Vito Damico, 75 Second street northwest.

The store had just opened. The boys, after preliminary parley, confronted the frightened storekeeper with a revolver and demanded his money. Damico, in wild fear, seized a butcher knife. The revolver was discharged, the bullet grazing the storekeeper's ear and buried itself in a can of beans.

The revolver, which was of Smith and Wesson manufacture, .38 caliber, was dropped at First and I street northwest, in the bandits' flight.

In all, the four have twelve charges of housebreaking and, at present, one hold-up charge against them.

Cardboard Relics Shrines.

Kovo, Lithuania.—The Soviet government has instituted an investigation of shrines of Russian saints where peasants have been paying fees for many years. Remains of a human are found to have been made of cardboard. St. Mitrofan's body, miraculously preserved, was stuffed with cotton.

Japan Pays Bounty for Sheep.

Tokio.—The Japanese government, to encourage sheep-breeding, is paying bounties on all sheep between five months and five years of age brought into the country. All animals are inspected at the ports by the Ministry of Agriculture.

German Toys Coming.

Berlin.—Germany has been manufacturing new toys since the armistice, and is now preparing to resume shipment of them to this country.

St. Elizabeth Soldiers Are Dined, Go to Church

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Today's program of entertainment by Trinity Community House will include a motor ride to the Franciscan Monastery, a theatrical performance at Keith's Theater and an oyster supper in the community house. One hundred soldiers and a number of women patients from St. Elizabeth's will be today's guests.

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ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 23.—Two Norman firm, memorials to George Moncrief Anderson, Company A, 1st Engineers, and Sgt. Maj. John M. Leadbeater, 50th Pioneer Regiment, both of this city, which were planted Wednesday in Christ Church yard this afternoon were formally dedicated, following memorial services for the two men, both of whom were members of that church.

A brief address was delivered by the Rev. W. J. Morton, pastor. The American and State flags of the Alexandria High School were used in connection with the services, being carried by a band of men who had been students under Lieut. Anderson in the Alexandria High School.

Soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital attended the exercises, occupying seats with families of the two men.

A list of Christ Church members who served the colors was read by the pastor.

Following the exercises in the church the dedicatory exercises in connection with the tree planting took place. Bronze markers, suitably inscribed, prepared by the American Forestry Association, were placed on each tree by Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson, president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. The made a short talk in placing the markers. The singing of hymns, tape and benediction brought the exercises to a close.

The soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital afterward were entertained at luncheon in the parish hall of the church.

A class of candidates will be initiated tonight by Alexandria Lodge No. 758, B. P. O. E.

An oyster supper will be given Monday night in the Ladies' Aid Society hall from 6 until 9 o'clock by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the E. of L. E.

A eucharist party will be given Friday night in the Ladies' Aid Society hall in the auspices of the women of St. Mary's Church.

Black Cat Brings Bad Luck. St. Louis.—H. A. Rickett fired four shots at a black cat. The first went through the cat's head and hit a boy in the leg; the second hit an automobile tire, the third hit a dog, the fourth punctured a market basket carried by an old woman. Rickett was arrested. The cat escaped.

Blood Flows in Mimic Warfare.

Boston.—A reproduction of the part taken by Massachusetts troops in Belleau Wood, together with individual feats of daring by soldiers of this State, was staged by the American Legion, Hercules, who won fame as a fighter, appeared after re-enacting his historical exploit with blood from hand grenade wounds pouring down his face.

AN INSIDE BATH MAKES YOU LOOK AND FEEL FRESH

Says a glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast keeps